

## **REPEAT OFFENDER PREVENTION PROJECT Demonstration Program Descriptions by County**

**Fresno:** The program serves first-time wards and uses a "wraparound" service approach which emphasizes identifying key individuals in the lives of the ward and family to deal successfully with problems. Each ward assigned to the treatment group is assessed by a multi-disciplinary team that is comprised of representatives from probation, law enforcement, school districts, mental health, social services, Victim Offender Reconciliation Program, Boys and Girls Club, parents and a family case advocate if desired. A service plan for each individual is developed. Implementation and coordination of recommended services is the responsibility of the assigned probation officer. The assessment team periodically reviews the case to determine progress and/or the need for modification in the case plan. Ongoing case management is the responsibility of the probation officer; however, the officer receives assistance from student interns. The project contracts for psychological services and parenting education classes. The program serves urban and rural areas. The urban component includes Fresno zip codes 93702, 93703, 93704, 93705, 93706, 93725, 93726, 93727 and 93728. The rural element serves Clovis, Selma, Sanger and Reedley. The objective is to reach 120 juveniles. Barbara Bloom and Associates is conducting the program evaluation.

**Humboldt:** The program serves first-time wards and uses a "neighborhood service hub" multi-agency, multi-disciplinary approach. Four neighborhood service hubs have been established in the following areas: Eureka, McKinleyville, Fortuna and Garberville. Juveniles participating in the program are referred to the hub closest to their residence for services. Agencies supporting the hubs include probation officers, mental health case manager and clinician, child welfare services, police, Healthy Start, school counselor, Youth Services Bureau, health professionals and other private service providers. The role of each hub is to develop a treatment plan focusing on the needs of the juveniles and families referred to the program as well as coordinating community resources and services identified in the treatment plan. The program serves 125 juveniles throughout the county. Humboldt State University is conducting the program evaluation.

**Los Angeles:** The program is designed to serve non-wards and their families who voluntarily participate in the program. All referrals are screened to determine if they meet the mandated eligibility criteria and cases meeting the entry criteria are assigned to either the treatment or comparison group. The treatment group minors are assigned a probation case manager. Each juvenile in the treatment group receives an individualized service plan developed at an assessment meeting attended by the juvenile, parent(s), service provider staff and the case manager. Services are provided by a broad spectrum of community-based organizations and public agencies, which have contracts with the program and public services. The case manager is the coordinator of services. The program serves the following zip codes in the city of Long Beach: 90802, 90804, 90805, 90806, 90810 and 90813. The objective is to reach 325 juveniles. The Los Angeles County Probation research staff is conducting the program evaluation.

**Orange County:** The program serves first-time wards. The Youth and Family Resource Center (YFRC) is the primary source of services and is a collaborative effort of the Probation Department, the County Departments of Education and Health Care (Mental Health and Behavioral Health Services) and other contracted agencies including Children's Services Program and the American Academy of Pediatrics. The YFRC brings together the ward, the family and a broad range of service providers in one location. An individualized service plan is developed for each referral by the on-site assessment team composed of a probation officer, teacher(s), counselors who are responsible for afternoon recreation/community service/life skills programming, a substance abuse counselor, mental health staff, a nurse practitioner, and intensive in-home family counselors. Others may participate in the development of the plan including social services agency representatives or a community case advocate. The majority of services, including

school, are offered at the YFRC. Linkages to other services are made as necessary. A transportation component is included in the program to ensure that families have access to needed services and that minors attend school daily. The program serves 175 juveniles in the cities of Anaheim, Buena Park and Fullerton. Orange County Probation Department's Research Division is conducting the program evaluation.

**San Diego:** The program serves first-time wards. Treatment cases are assigned to one of two multidisciplinary teams. The program uses a "wraparound" program design, focusing on the entire family and providing intensive start-up services. Each team consists of a probation officer, correctional deputy probation officer, social worker, alcohol and drug specialist, a student worker, and a part-time clinical psychologist, who is available for both teams. The program has a Community Family Monitor component, which provides intensive home monitoring and transportation to access program resources and activities. An individualized service plan is developed for each juvenile in the treatment group, which focuses on the strengths and needs articulated by the family and prioritized by the team. Families are referred to appropriate programs and resources within the community infrastructure on an as needed basis. The level and type of service can be adjusted as the families become more capable of managing their own life domains. The goal is to encourage and empower the ward and family to access and utilize community resources, enhance family strengths, to reach stability and independence and to keep the community safe. The program is serving 150 juveniles in the following 15 contiguous zip codes within the city of San Diego: 92101, 92102, 92103, 92104, 92505, 92113, 92114, 92115, 92116, 92139, 92139, 91941, 91945, 91950, 91977. San Diego Association of Governments is conducting the program evaluation.

**San Mateo:** The program serves first-time wards and their families, including siblings. The program provides intensive family-centered services with the goal of creating strong healthy bonds to each other and the community. An initial assessment to determine program eligibility is done by the probation department's Intake and Investigation Unit. Three deputy probation officers, a case aide and a mental health clinical program specialist are assigned to the program to develop a needs assessment and preliminary case plan for each ward admitted to the program. An inter-agency Case Assistance Committee assists the family and caseworkers in refining and finalizing the plan. A family and community options meeting, facilitated by a special "family partnership team," is sometimes convened to examine what strategies might work for the family and what services are available in the areas of education, treatment, recreation or living arrangements. Program staff meet weekly to discuss cases. The probation officers provide ongoing supervision and service coordination. The program serves 90 juveniles in the cities of Brisbane, Broadmoor, Colma, Daly City, Pacifica and South San Francisco. J. Beavin and Associates is conducting the program evaluation.

**Solano:** This program serves first time wards. A multi-disciplinary team approach is used to assess cases and make referrals for service. Juveniles assigned to the treatment group receive intensive supervision and services. Youth and Family Services, a community based multi-service organization, is the main provider of services for the project. Each juvenile in the program is assigned a probation officer and a Youth and Family Service's caseworker that share a caseload of 20 juveniles and their family members. The probation officer and case manager develop an individualized program plan for each participating juvenile. All treatment group juveniles, at a minimum, are required to participate in and complete an individual and group-counseling program with their assigned case manager. Group counseling is a 12 week program and covers substance abuse, anger management, conflict resolution, job search, gangs, self esteem and gender issues. Juveniles in need of mentors, educational tutoring or other specialized programs are referred to appropriate agencies in the community for services. The program serves two areas: the cities of Benicia and Vallejo in the south, and the cities of Fairfield, Suisan, and Vacaville in the north. The objective is to reach 100 juveniles. Troyer and Associates is conducting the program evaluation.